

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/916,535	WOODS, RANDALL	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: there are no Prior arts teaching or suggesting of an apparatus and a method of detecting relative movement between first and second members from a close position wherein the members are adjacent and an open position where the members are separated, comprising:

a first switch assembly for installing to the first member including a first elongated switch element and a second switch element in spaced relationship to the first switch element;

a first magnetic assembly including a ferromagnetic body adjacent the first and second switch elements;

the switch assembly operable to magnetically shift the ferromagnetic body in a switch-closed orientation in simultaneous contact with the first and second switch elements when the members are in the close position; and to magnetically shift the ferromagnetic body to a switch-open orientation out of contact with the second switch element in response to relative movement of the members to the open position.

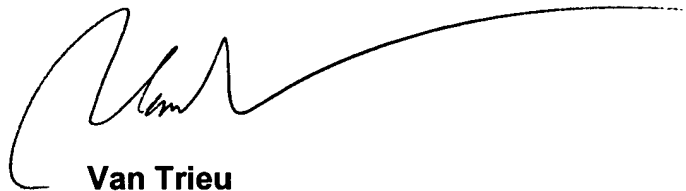
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to primary examiner **Van Trieu** whose telephone number is (703) 308-5220. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. **Jeffery Hofsass** can be reached on (703) 305-4717.

The office facsimile number is (703) 872-9314.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Van Trieu', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Van Trieu**  
**Primary Examiner**  
**Date: 07/08/2003**